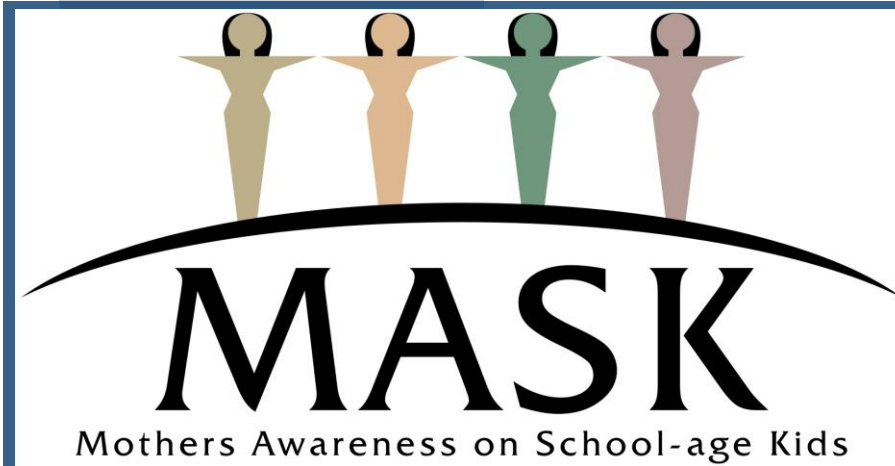


November Newsletter



Save the date:

Friday Nov. 7 9 am

Fundraising Volunteer

Coffee Host: Pam Baumann

25227 N. Ranch Gate Rd.

Scottsdale

Thursday Nov. 13 11am

"What "Kid" Crimes Are

Going on in Your

Neighborhood?" Presented

by Probation Department

for parents. Held at

Highlands Church 9050 E.

Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Thursday Dec. 4

Holiday Boutique

Host: Kimberly Cabral

23875 N. 91st Street

Scottsdale, AZ 85255

A Letter from the Founder/President:

Dear Members:

Drugs, alcohol, internet, the list goes on and on, of all the challenges our kids have to face. Last month we were privileged to hear from two moms who also happen to be officers with the Scottsdale Police Department they informed us on drugs and internet safety. We had over 250 parents and children who chose to be there. "Chose" being the word that is so relevant. It is imperative for our children to hear these messages, and as parents it is necessary to have them exposed to such conversation. These meetings which involve both parents and children are implemented and designed to initiate conversation. Studies prove that kids who learn about the risk of drugs from their parents are half as likely to use them. (DrugFreeAZ, Partnership Attitude tracking study). Do you know that 1 in 11 young people has been threatened or harassed online? The mission of MASK is to educate both parents and children on these issues and to help empower them to make safe healthy choices.

As we prepare to launch our Teen Awareness Committee we want to generate a network of kids making

healthy choices. We want to familiarize the kids participating in MASK, and we are doing that by having kids wear MASK t-shirts on meeting days, and a number of fundraising events. In September we held our first car wash there were over 75 kids and parents who participated. We will continue to bring awareness and safe healthy opportunities for children. All you have to do is take advantage of it.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cabral

Founder/President



Michelle Cardini,
Detective Tanya Corder,
Officer Jennifer Wattier,
Pam Baumann, Kimberly
Cabral

Internet Safety Statistics



The internet is a huge information source and a valuable tool for adults and children, but because of its anonymous nature it creates opportunities for predators.

- 71% of teens ages 13-17 reported receiving messages online from someone they didn't know
- 40% reported they usually reply and chat to that person
- Only 18% say that they tell an adult
- 30% of teens have considered meeting someone they have chatted with
- 14% have actually had such an encounter

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD IS BEING CONTACTED BY A CYBER PREDATOR OR HAS RECEIVED A SEXUAL SOLICITATION ONLINE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT:

The CyberTip Line 1-800-843-5678 or www.cybertipline.com

What you can do as parents to keep your kids safe online:

Talk to your children. Let them know the dangers while being online.

- Exposure to sexually explicit or violent material
- Sexual Predators
- Cyberbullying

PREVENTION TIPS:

- Keep computers in common area in your home
- Use Web Browser Controls to filter and block inappropriate websites from being accessed
- You can purchase filtering software's to monitor your computer
- Visit www.internet-filter-review.com
- Install Keyloggers on your computer visit www.reviews2009.com



**TO FIND OUT MORE
WARNING SIGNS AND
PREVENTION TIPS VISIT
WWW.AZ.MASK.ORG**